

**JANUARY 11, 2005**

**CITY OF GUNNISON COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

**7:00 P.M.**

The Regular Session was called to order at 7:00 P.M., by Mayor Ferguson with City Councilors Simillion, Stone, Smits and Duba present along with City Attorney Landwehr, City Manager Collins, City Clerk Davidson, Finance Director Hanson, Police Chief Keehne, several interested citizens and the press. WSC Intern Johnston was absent.

**Consideration of Minutes:**

**Regular Session Minutes of December 28, 2004.**

Councilor Stone moved and Councilor Simillion seconded the motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of December 28, 2004, as submitted.

Roll call vote, yes: Simillion, Stone, Ferguson, Smits, Duba. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

**Pre-Scheduled Citizens: Joy Hart of New Horizons Program.** Ms. Hart requested \$1000 in City assistance for the program. They need funds due to State and Federal funding cuts. Discussion with Council ensued. Items discussed: 2005 Budget is already set; No funds available at this time; Possible funding mid-year if sales tax is above projections; Staff has worked with Ms. Hart to provide some used computer equipment and contact information on the City's grant writing consultant; and the possibility of New Horizons applying for tobacco funds grants.

Councilor Duba moved and Councilor Stone seconded the motion to authorize the Mayor to sign any Letters of Support for grant applications made by the New Horizons Program.

Roll call vote, yes: Stone, Ferguson, Smits, Duba, Simillion. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

**Designation of Official City Posting Places.**

Councilor Duba moved and Councilor Simillion seconded the motion to designate the bulletin board located inside the north entrance of City Hall and the bulletin board located inside the east entrance of City Hall as the official posting places for the City of Gunnison.

Roll call vote, yes: Ferguson, Smits, Duba, Simillion, Stone. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

**Ordinance and Resolutions:** None.

**City Attorney: Rod Landwehr.** Informed Council the Clark Boulevard maintenance case has been resolved without going to trial. The City will do the work as originally outlined in the agreement with a cost share of 10% by the City and 90% by the residential owners utilizing the road.

**City Manager: Mark Collins.** McPorts went out last week and if there are any questions to please contact him or the respective department.

**Acting City Manager: Police Chief Keehne.** He is working on the 2004 statistical information for the Police Department and will present it to Council at the next Regular Session.

**City Clerk: Gail Davidson.** Reported on plans for the upcoming City 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration. Plans include: City birthday party on February 28<sup>th</sup>; essay and art contests involving the school children, weekly historical notes in the Gunnison Shopper, inviting past Mayors and City Councilors, scrapbooks, music, a photo contest, and a time capsule project.

**WSC Intern: Matt Johnston.** Not present.

**Non-Scheduled Citizens:** None.

**General Discussion/Items for Work Session:**

**Mayor Ferguson: Report on Mayors'/Managers' Meeting.** Items discussed included: RE1J had an excellent audit report; A committee has been appointed to review capital projects; Mt. Crested Butte has had great snow, the highest paid skier attendance on record and they are hosting the Gunnison Valley Leadership Program this week; Crested Butte has an increase of 14% in sales tax and are now self-collecting; their Winter Carnival is the first weekend in February; and their movie theater is closed; Gunnison County is reviewing customer service problems with Mesa Airlines; the Tenderfoot Project is close to their funding goal; and the Telescope Project is going well.

**Councilor Simillion:** Commended the Public Works crew for their snow removal the past few weeks.

**Councilor Stone:** Nothing to report.

**Councilor Smits:** Asked about the towed-vehicle situation. Police Chief Keehne stated the problem is not having anywhere to store towed vehicles. Discussion ensued. Councilor Smits also reported the Gunnison Valley Economic Development Corporation will meet this Thursday and will be discussing their future.

**Councilor Duba:** The Gunnison Housing Authority is still look for a director. The GHA Board meets on Thursday and a decision is anticipated to be made then.

**Adjournment:** At 7:28 P.M.

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Mayor

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City Clerk